

Smith Farm House  
Bureau County  
LaMoille, Illinois

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*Reduced Copies of Measured Drawings*

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Owner: Fred Meisel.

Date of Erection: Early 1840s.

Architect: Unknown.

Builder: Mr. H. K. Pickering.

Number of Stories: One and one-half.

Present Condition: Good.

Materials of Construction: Rough logs dressed on one face only for the floor, fastened together with wooden pins. Handmade wood lath of white oak, inside partitions are formed of walnut plank, walnut trim throughout, framing lumber is white oak.

Other Existing Records: Photographs.

Additional Data: (See following page).

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SOURCE:

Mrs. Edith  
Shields,  
LaMoille, Ill.

The Smith Farm House is about two miles south of LaMoille, Illinois, on the east side of route U.S. 34. The one and one-half story portion of the main farm house was built in the early 1840s by Mr. H.K. Pickering, a local builder. The present owner is Mr. Fred Meisel, residing in LaMoille, who is renting the farm to Mr. Thomas Steel and his family. The one and one-half story portion nearest to the highway is the subject of this survey, because it is the only original part of the farm group.

Early building characteristics are evident in this house, inside and outside. Rough logs dressed on one face only, to present a smooth surface for the floor, are used throughout. These are fastened together with wooden pins, driven into the mortice and tenon joints used by the early builder. Handmade wood lath of white oak is used on the inside face of all exterior walls, for these are the only areas plastered. Inside partitions are formed of walnut plank, which have recently been covered with wall paper. Trim throughout is walnut, as is the outside siding, framing lumber being white oak.

Further record of historical significance is unavailable and any other information is too vague and inadequate to warrant a further research.

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